Stoppage of trains

1311. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow a stoppage at Dhamangaon railway station for three trains—for the passengers from three districts of Maharashtra who can board Howrah-Kurla Janeswari Express, Howrah-Azad Hind Express and Chennai-Ahmedabad Navjeevan Express from Dhamangaon railway station; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Stoppage of 2101/2102 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus-Howrah Jnaneswari Express (4 days in a week), 2129/2130 Pune-Howrah Azad Hind Express and 2655/2656 Chennai-Ahmedabad Navjeevan Express at Dhamangaon has not been found commercially justified.

Male passengers boarding in female compartments

1312. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken to prevent male passengers from boarding female compartments forcibly and occupying seats meant for female passengers; and

(b) if no action has, so far, been taken, by when Government propose to take action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) To effectively supplement the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) staff are being deployed to excort many trains and also on access control duties in the passenger area. RPF has also been empowered to deal with the minor offences affecting the train operations such as alarm chaim pulling, roof travel, touting, ticketless travel, unauthorized entry into coaches earmarked for ladies etc. (except

Sabotage related offences under Sections 150 to 152) after the amendment of the Railways Act, 1989 *w.e.f* July, 2004.

To prevent male passengers from traveling in female comparmtnets forcibly and occupying seats meant for female passengers, regular drives are conducted against entry of male passengers in the ladies compartments. In all **31,352** male persons were apprehended and prosecuted by Railway Protections Force (RPF) over zonal railways while found travelling in ladies compartments during the period from 1st January, 2006 to 30th June, 2006 under section 162 of the Railways Act. Out of which **30,151** persons were convicted and an amount of Rs. **41,93,903/-** has been realised from them as fine.

Kayamkulam as model railway station

1313. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kayamkulam railway station was declared as a model railway station and a railway junction by the previous Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds since has been allocated for the further development of this station;

(d) if so, the details of the funds, released so far; and

(e) the details of the development work undertaken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Kayankulam has been declared as a Model Station in 2003. At the time of opening of the station itself, Kayankulam was declared as Junction.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) So far, Rs. 45.21 lakh has been spent at this station.

(e) The details of development works so far undertaken at this station under Plan Head Passenger Amenities are:—

(i) the work extension of Platform No. 2 for 48M and 32M on either end.